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Office Action Summary

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10/604,428

Applicant(s)

AY, CHARLES

Examiner

Amy J. Sterling

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is the first Office Action for application number 10/604,428, Recessed Hanging Apparatus, filed on 7/21/03. Claims 1-8 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

In a telephone call to Patrick Bright on 7/29/04 claim 4 has been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 6/15/04.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement submitted on 7/21/03 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

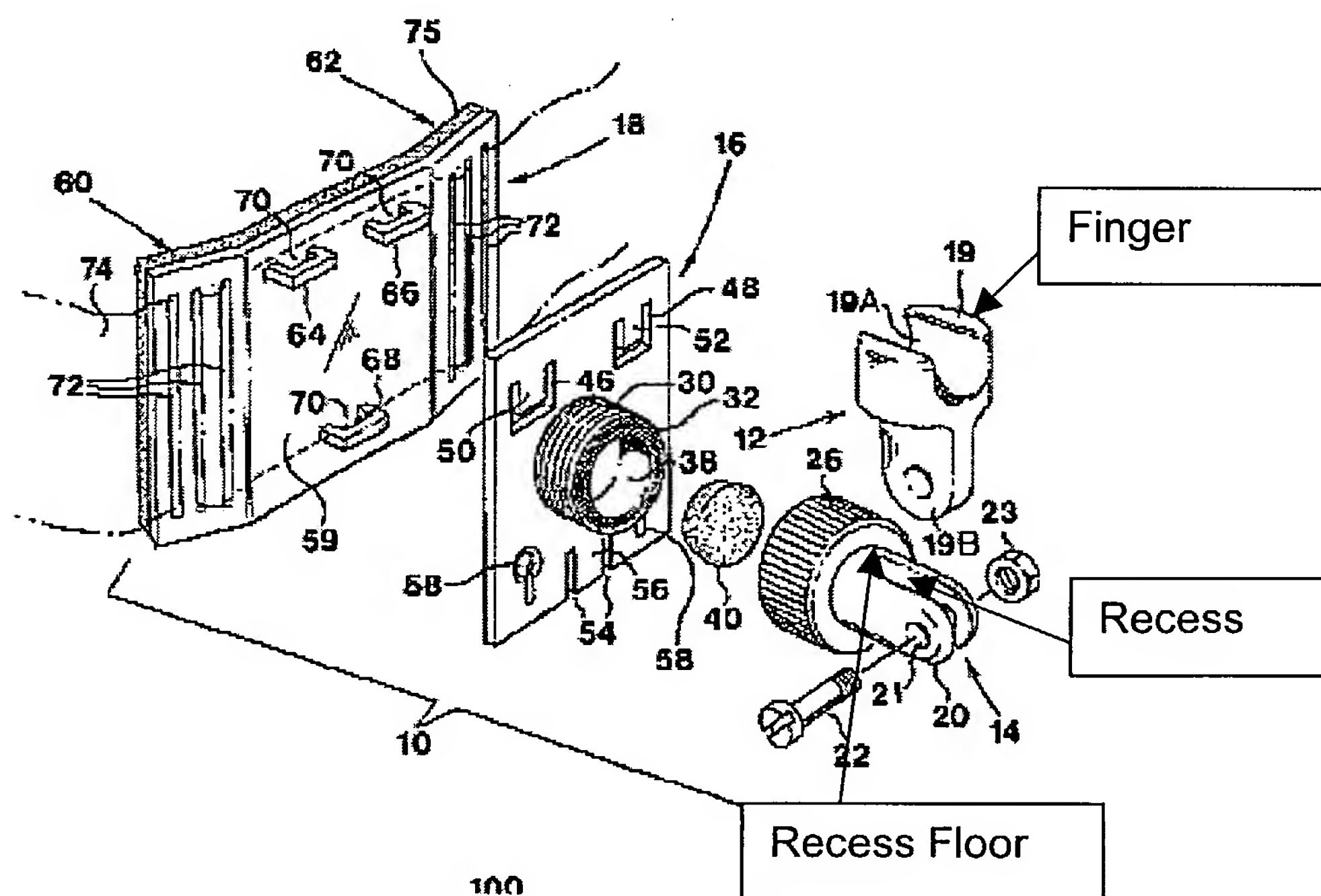
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1-3, 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6457838 to Dugmore et al.

The patent to Dugmore et al. discloses an apparatus (10) for hanging items having a body (14, 16, 18) having a recess (See Drawing Below), a hanging member (19) rotatably mounted within the recess on a rotation axis pin (22) and an angular space located at a first end of the hanging member between a floor of the recess and an interior surface of the hanging member. The hanging member (19) may form any angle between the floor and the end surface depending on the degree of rotation. Dugmore also teaches that the body (14, 16, 18) has a channel (72) for a belt support member (74) and a finger (See Drawing Below) extending from the hanging member.



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Dugmore et al. also discloses the method having the steps of inserting the support member through the channel, securing the body to an object and with the support member, pressing on the first end so as to rotate the hanging member about the rotation axis until the interior surface and the floor made contact, the interior of hanging member will touch the floor if rotated until it touches the recess floor and hanging an item on a second end of the hanging member that extends away from the body at an angle.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following documents show various hanging devices

6202964 to Thornhill

6109579 to Huang

5586674 to Nachbauer

5335889 to Hopkins et al.

5263675 to Roberts et al.

4651961 to Melvin

4051953 to Shoaf

3941250 to Ott

3385547 to West

3289989 to Ferenz

2706049 to Andrews

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2484535 to Stader

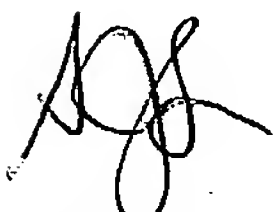
2071257 to Hansen

D385480 to Mayo

D259228 to Fabian

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 703-308-3271. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached at 703-308-2156. The fax machine number for the Technology center is 703-872-9306 (formal amendments) or 703-308-3519 (informal amendments/communications).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 703-308-2168.



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7/29/04



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